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SUBJECT: COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY FOR GENERALIZED PREFERENCES
(GSP)

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1. THIS CABLE IS INTENDED TO DISPEL POSSIBLE CONFUSION OF ADDRESSEES CONCERNING EFFECT OF SEC. 502(B)(4) OF TRADE ACT OF 1974 (TEXT TRANSMITTED REF B) UPON HOST COUNTRY ELIGIBILITY FOR GSP.

2. AS REPORTED PARA 6 REF A, BECAUSE VARIOUS OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE ACT PREVENTED US FROM DESIGNATING CERTAIN COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR GSP, E.G., MEMBERS OF OPEC, ANALYSIS OF OUTSTANDING DISPUTES IN THOSE COUNTRIES (IF ANY) WAS NOT COMPLETED AT THE TIME WE CONSIDERED THE APPLICATION OF 502 (B)(4) TO OTHER POENTIAL BENEFICIARIES. IT IS ERRONEOUS TO PRESUME, HOWEVER, THAT THESE COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NATIONALIZATION PROVISION.

3. INSTEAD, THE POSSIBILITY REMAINS THAT OUTSTANDING PROPERTY CLAIMS OF U.S. CITIZENS MAY FALL WITHIN THE AMBIT OF 502(B)(4)(A)-(C), AND IT THEREFORE SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND THAT HOST COUNTRY FAILURE TO MEET THE CRITERIA ENUMERATED 502(B)(4)(D) WITH RESPECT TO ANY SUCH CLAIMS MAY BE A POTENTIAL PROBLEM IN DETERMINING ITS ELIGIBILITY FOR

GSP.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS BEARING UPON THE APPLICATION OF 502(B)(4) TO ENABLE US TO MAKE A DEFINITIVE JUDGMENT SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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